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SIX DOLLARS  
PER QUARTER

## Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND  
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... £2,000,000  
CAPITAL CALLED-UP ..... £251,001.15.0  
RESERVE FUND ..... £223,629.13.7

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Wm. Kewick, Esq. - Chairman.  
Adolf von Andri, Esq. F. D. Sisson, Esq.  
Egbert Iveson, Esq. H. D. Stewart, Esq.  
David McLean, Esq.

### HONGKONG COMMITTEE:

The Hon. C. P. Chater, J. The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving,  
H. Hopkiss, Esq.

Head Office - 3, Princes-Street, London.  
Branches - Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and  
Shanghai.  
Agents - Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama.

### RATES OF INTEREST.

ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS  
and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained  
on application.

### CHANTREY INCHBALD,

Manager.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1893. [179]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF  
INDIA, LIMITED.

LATE

THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE  
BANK OF INDIA, LONDON  
AND CHINA.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... £1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED ..... £1,125,000

### BANKERS:

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT  
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent.  
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:-

For 12 Months ..... 5 per cent.

" 6 " ..... 4 " "

" 3 " ..... 3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,

Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [172]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital ..... £1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ..... £500,000

### HEAD OFFICE:- HONGKONG.

#### Court of Directors:-

D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.

Chan Kit Shan, Esq. W. Wotton, Esq.

C. J. Hirst, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.

Chief Manager,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:- London, Yokohama, Shanghai,  
Amoy and Foochow.

### BANKERS:-

The Commercial Bank of Scotland,  
Parra Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

" 6 " ..... 4 " "

CURRENT ACCOUNTS ..... 2 " "

Hongkong, 12th December, 1892. [18]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY  
HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the  
SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION  
will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on  
MONDAY, the 27th day of February current,  
at 11.30 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of  
receiving the Report of the Court of Directors  
together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st  
December, 1892.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

F. DE BOVIS,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1893. [182]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGIS-  
TER OF SHARES of the CORPORATION  
will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th  
February current, (both days inclusive), during  
which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be  
registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

F. DE BOVIS,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1893. [183]

NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,  
LIMITED, (IN LIQUIDATION).

### PAYMENT OF FIRST DIVIDEND.

NOTICE is hereby given that a FIRST  
DIVIDEND of 20 Per Cent. will be  
PAYABLE ON APPLICATION at the Office  
of the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,  
LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION, on and after the 16th  
instant, to all Creditors whose CLAIMS have  
been received and admitted.

Deposit Receipts, Bills of Exchange, &c.,  
must be handed in before the Dividend can be  
paid.

E. W. RUTTER,

Attorney for the Liquidator.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1893. [161]

### Notices of Firms.

A. E. SKEELS & Co.,

Telegraphic Address "SERRINOS", Hongkong.  
(A.B.C. Code 4th Edition.)

AUCTIONEERS, VALUERS &  
COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

No. 17, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Under Messrs. Douglas Laing & Co.'s Office.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1893. [170]

## Insurances.

THREE IMPORTANT FACTS  
ABOUT THE  
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

1.-HALF A MILLION STERLING per  
annum is being paid in Death claims  
year by year.

2.-THE FUNDS IN HAND amount to up-  
wards of Seven Million pounds Sterling  
and have increased 50 per cent. in the  
last 12 years.

3.-THE LIVES who die are annually replaced  
by more than double the number of new  
carefully selected lives.

"DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong.

### SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE

INSURANCE COMPANY OF  
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Underigned are prepared to accept  
FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on  
favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal  
to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1892. [136]

### GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TARELS 600,000, } \$833,333.33  
EQUAL TO ..... \$833,333.33

RESERVE FUND ..... \$318,000.00

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SHING, Esq. LO YUEN MOON, Esq.

LOU TEO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER:-HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1892. [86]

### NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,  
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,  
Secretary.

### HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1893. [173]

STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of this COM-  
PANY will be held at the Head Office,  
SINGAPORE, on FRIDAY, the 17th March, at  
NOON.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from 3rd to 17th March, both  
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

WM. MACBEAN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1893. [142]

### Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the  
SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the  
OFFICES of the COMPANY, No. 14, Praya  
Central, on TUESDAY, the 28th February,  
1893, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of  
receiving the Report of the Directors and State-  
ment of Accounts to 31st December, 1892.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th inst.,  
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1893. [217]

GEO. FENWICK AND COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS  
will be held in the HONGKONG HOTEL, on  
WEDNESDAY, the 1st March, at NOON, for  
the purpose of receiving the Report of the  
General Manager and a Statement of Accounts  
to the 31st December, 1892; also to elect a  
Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 26th inst. to March  
1st, both days inclusive.

GEO. FENWICK,  
General Manager.

Hongkong, 31st February, 1893. [144]

BANGKOK IRON WORKS COMPANY,  
(IN LIQUIDATION).

THE PREMISES and PLANT of the above  
named Company will be offered for SALE  
by PUBLIC AUCTION on the PREMISES, at  
2 P.M., on the 1st March, 1893, if not previously  
disposed of by PRIVATE CONTRACT.

Particulars as to PLANT, CONDITIONS of  
LEASE, &c., can be obtained on application to  
the OFFICE of this paper.

JNO. MACLEAN,  
Liquidator.

Bangkok, 30th January, 1893. [243]

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE,  
STANFIELD'S-1, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

VACANCIES for GENTLEMEN or MAR-  
RIED COUPLES at Moderate Terms.

MRS. STANFIELD,  
Proprietress.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1892. [149]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS,  
with Board and Table Accommodation.

Apply to

Mrs. MATHER,  
a Fadder's Hill.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1892. [150]

## Intimations.

THE  
HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East  
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of  
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf  
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping  
Offices.

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.  
THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cooking being  
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to  
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communication.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public  
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour  
adjoins the HOTEL, and is under the same management.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers  
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER  
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1893.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

WHITAKER'S ALMANACK

AND

HAZELL'S ANNUAL 1893.

A CYCLOPÆDIC RECORD OF MEN AND TOPICS OF THE DAY.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

HONGKONG RACES 1893!

RACING SADDLES

3 LBS. 4 LBS.



BRIDLES, RACING REINS, WEIGHT-CLOTHS, STIRRUP WEBS.

JOCKEY WHIPS.

RACING SPURS, SADDLE-CLOTHS, CLOTHING AND

SADDLERS' SUNDRIES of all kinds.

JANECRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1893. [1071]

W. ROBINSON & Co.

(UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL) HONGKONG.

PIANO TUNING.

SATISFACTORY WORK GUARANTEED.

SINGLE TUNING ..... \$5.00.

6 TUNINGS A YEAR ..... \$25.00 PER ANNUM.

12 do. do. .... \$48.00 do.

INCLUDING MINOR REPAIRS AND THE KEEPING OF THE PIANO IN GOOD  
ORDER AND CONDITION.

PIANOS BOUGHT, SOLD OR TAKEN IN EXCHANGE; PACKED, REMOVED AND  
STORED.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1893. [1581]

W. POWELL & CO.

OUR NEW RAIN COATS.

HAVE ARRIVED.

UMBRELLAS, GLADSTONE BAGS,

BRIEF BAGS, PORTMANTEAUS, &c., &c.

NEW GENTLEMEN'S HATS.

SCARFS, TIES, HOSIERY, &c.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1893. [16]

CENTRAL HOTEL,  
SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, is the  
centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with  
the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites  
and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUGLAS, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated  
to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1893.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Telegraphic Address—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

F. E. REILLY,  
PROPRIETOR.

## Intimations.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of  
the presence of the LADIES at the  
GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE during  
the Races TO-MORROW and SATURDAY,  
the 24th and 25th instant.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1893. [245]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1893.

MORROW and SATURDAY,

the 24th and 25th February.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the GRAND  
STAND and ENCLOSURE may be  
obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LTD.  
Price, \$5 for the Meeting.

Tickets for the Day may be purchased at the  
Gate. Price, \$2 each.

No one admitted without a Ticket, to be  
shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1893. [246]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside  
ENCLOSURE of the RACECOURSE  
during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS, which  
can be had on application from the Under-  
signed.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1893. [247]

BANK HOLIDAYS.

HONGKONG ANNUAL RACES.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be  
CLOSED for the Transaction of Public  
Business at NOON, TO-MORROW and  
SATURDAY, the 24th and 25th instant:-

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,

J. ARMSTRONG,  
pro. Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION,

F. DE BOVIS,  
Chief Manager.

For the COMPTON NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE  
DE PARIS,

L. GLENAT,  
Acting Agent.

For the BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE  
STRAITS, LIMITED, HONGKONG.

S. L. DARBY,  
pro. Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,  
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA,  
LIMITED.

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,  
LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

E. W. RUTTER,  
Attorney for the Liquidator.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1893. [253]

### K E B A O.

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME FRANÇAISE.

CAPITAL 4,000,000 FRANCS.

LA SOCIÉTÉ KÉBAO (TONKIN), dont  
l'extraction prend tous les jours d'importance  
et qui est le seul FOURNISSEUR DE LA  
MARINE FRANÇAISE AU TONKIN, dont  
le Charbon est brûlé d'une façon régulière à  
bord des Steamers des MESSAGERIES MARI-  
TIMES, et en particulier à bord du *Halong*,  
voulant introduire ses Charbons sur la place de  
Hongkong a confié le soin de son Agence à la  
maison

SHEWAN & Co.,  
Praya Central, Hongkong.

à partir du 1er Novembre, 1892.

Le Directeur Général du Kéba.

HENRY PORTAL.

Kéba, le 10 Décembre, 1892. [42]

### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 262.

CHINA SEA.

CANTON DISTRICT.







human being. He tries to imitate the butler and to strike out with original English of his own acquirement. The unimpeachable use to which the English vocabulary is made subservient in the hands of a tyro can never be fully conceived unless you have a Chinese boy in your service. When he has studied a few decent words he will feel quite uneasy until the opportunity comes for him to use them. One Sunday I asked Ah Sin, the boy, why he had neglected overhauling my wardrobe as usual and giving my clothes an airing. Ah Sin thought this an opportunity for coming out with the latest words he had learnt. "No Sah," he said, "No us-dying upon this day. The climate, too much immoderate!" On another occasion I asked him to let me know if the flag for the English mail due that day had been put up. He came back to me with a frightfully learned air and said "Can't see, sah! Cloud is a fog. Can give me a spy-glass sah! A-a-a-tall-spoon to see!" This genius was quite a phenomenon among his kind. How many of my candles must have been kidnapped and sacrificed during Ah Sin's nocturnal attempts to study the Queen's English! He was using a dictionary to wit, my own—which on looking for I found lying safely embowered near a tattered Chinese book under Ah Sin's bed in the back room. There were also a small looking glass, a bundle of clothes, and a sort of flute that looked as if it apologized for being called a musical instrument, and was forced to become melodious against its will, lying about in that small room in company with a pair of my own electric hair brushes. Later on I learnt that the brushes were taken there to be washed! The boy is not a kleptomaniac as a rule, where the knick-knacks of a household are concerned, although his views as to the small cash that filters daily through his magnetic palms may be of an extremely accommodating nature. But, like many a butler in our model colony, he rewards himself liberally for his excellent virtues in this respect by assuming temporary charge of your belongings, and appropriating them for his own enjoyment and use, during your absence from home. He will pilfer a chair, a new boy may be, he still regards the foreigner as a peculiar being belonging to a different sphere, and everything that belongs to him is, to the boy's mind, surrounded with a mystery the oppressiveness of which cannot be shaken off except by a familiarity with the article itself. He will therefore, as soon as you are safe in your office, arrange his pilfer with your own brushes—the impetuous Chinese always cherishes his pilfer, because he has heard from somewhere that Russian dukes have to buy that article—wipes his face with a delicious satisfaction on your own towel, and roll about with happy indulgence in your bed, just for a change, and sit down in your own favourite easy chair to meditate as to where and how he should best make night hideous in company with his friends and their banjos, and his own musical pipe and uncouth songs.

It was from the members of a mess, connected with one of the leading firms in China, that I first learnt something about the extent to which Chinese domestics would allow themselves to be carried away by their desire to become familiar with Masala's life. One Sunday the butler was ordered not to get any time ready, as every one was tiffing out. Some important business however happened to detain one of the mess in the office just about fifteen minutes, and on his going up again, half an hour later, to his apartments to fetch something, he happened to pass the dining room, and to his intense surprise, he found about half a dozen boys—some of them invited from outside—sitting in a jolly array at the table, with the butler at the head (and everything in perfect style) eating up his fork and as if to the manner born, and enjoying the immense fun of the thing, while two or three coolies (solicited for the nonce as table boys) and passed the dishes round full of savoury fare! Was this Confucian philosophy? A Chinese boy gets from seven to nine dollars per mensem, and the butler from ten to fourteen dollars, and it is only reasonable to expect that with this very moderate competence they can scarcely enjoy, on their own account, the luxuries which, as part and parcel of their Masala, it is their right to enjoy. I have heard of a butler who told the boy (it should have included the butler) that he was a private purser in the most magical way. But I omitted adding that the boy does not seem to be proud of it when you gently congratulate him on his occult facilities in this respect, and if you bring all the laws of arithmetic into play, you will find that he is able to prove to him that your dollar, when once passed into his possession, consists of only sixty or seventy cents; he will still modestly attribute your praise of him to a vague notion that the boy (it should have included the butler) has a magnetic faculty for small cash, which he attracts to his private purse in the most magical way.

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In the midst of this occult faculty of his regarding matters of finance, the boy, like the butler himself, is loaded with theoretical dignity. While passing you the dishes during dinner his eyes are always fixed on the butler and he soon learns from that dignitary to behave himself with due gravity, to bend down solemnly to you and ask you whisperingly what you would have to drink, and to modulate in an infinite number of ways his ever recurring "Yes Sah." There are thousands of little details concerning him which space prevents me from dwelling upon, but there is one thing which I must say in his favor before parting with him. He, in sympathy with the whole breed of Chinese domestics, knows very well what is due to himself, on every occasion, and on no account whatever will he ever risk the curtailment of his gratuity even were it to save you from the consequences of a most disagreeable catastrophe. Our premises were once on fire, and the first thing that the butler, the boy, the cook and the whole rest of them did upon, as best calculated to ensure them the absolute possession of their normal gratuity, was an instantaneous exodus from the back door with their beds and mattresses on their shoulders. Conspicuous amidst the litter which they carried with them were a pair of very old shoes belonging to the cook! That my effects and valuables should be left in my empty common sense—Chinese common sense. Wonderful as it may seem to be, I once enjoyed the rare blessing of having a really honest boy in my service at Shanghai. His aged and kind looking features came to my mind whenever I think of a Chinese boy, and his recollection makes me meditate rather less sympathetically on the rest of his col with whom I had to deal. For, alas! a true, self-sacrificing boy is getting rarer and rarer day by day.

Of the coolie and the gardeners I need not speak in detail. They are, as regards psychological attributes, much of the same calibre as the butler and the boy, perhaps some degrees more original. I remember once having shown away somewhere in the recesses of my memory, the saying—Carpenter's shop is the situation that has no in duty and his ideal was never yet occupied by man. The coolie may be included in this definition of the word man, for

the nonce. The situation that he occupies has certainly its duties and its ideals for him, and although it took me much deliberation to fix where the former began and ended and in what sphere the latter existed, I succeeded at last. The coolie's duty, as he seems to have realized it, is to do as little work in a given time as the secondary consideration of his "getting the sack" will permit of, and his ideal is to be found in the animal kingdom as personified by his prototype, the mule. Think of the mule—of his stolid face—of his impenetrable expression—of the pucier of his brain stuff, and of his power of silent endurance, and you will realize a good, thoroughbred, every day brute-coolie. He unconsciously partakes of the nature of a machine also, and does his work mechanically. If you order him once to brush your boots for you, he will continue brushing away that same pair of boots every day and let the other pairs that are lying near turn disgracefully white with mildew, until you implore him to bestow a little more attention to them.

I don't know what ungodly place in China that entity came from, but I once heard from a lady of my acquaintance, of a remarkable coolie. At one time, during summer, she had ordered him to preserve the daily meat by keeping it in the refrigerator. It seems, however, that this coolie always understood a little bit more than it was intended that he should, for he forthwith went and incarcerated the whole lot of living fowls in the house, in the ice box, and went and slept comfortably that night. As however, the coolie is a domestic biped who rarely grumbles, and is able to carry donkey-loads of things about, when required, we must not put up with him. He knows how to speak a little bit of English, sometimes—but there is no word in all the existing languages of the world which he is so fond of uttering as the word "Sabe." *Anglia* "I know." He is apt to be very successfully misleading in the application of this word. If you ask him whether he can take your child round to the dispensary for instance, he will never lose time in trying to fix the exact thing required of him, but that eternal "oh I so goodly misleading" "Sabe" of his will drop out and he will quietly take your note and throw it into the letter box, at the Post Office, and return home very much satisfied at having been able to guess what you wanted of him. He feels proud at having to do so much *inspiration-work* at the small wages he gets.

To make my *menage* quite complete however, the feminine element as personified by that domestic explosive which recommends itself to you as the best adjunct to babies—the *amah*—should have come in too, but as I could never possibly turn back into a baby, even for the sake of studying the *amah*, I had to content myself with the observing of her through a medium. Had it not been that she was arranged in unmistakably feminine garments, it would have been difficult for me ever to believe that she was of the Genus *Homo*, as the Chinese people do not wear beards—I mean they have none, and their mustaches are so ethereal that, like the theoretical point, no human being has ever seen them. I therefore have always got confused in the beginning as to which was he, and which was she. Poor *Amah*!

Space and lack of time prevent me from edifying my readers with her divine aptitude as a baby-grower. It stands recorded, however, that no Chinese *amah* ever destroyed a baby with too much milk.

YUM-YUM.

## NAGASAKI.

("MERCURY" CORRESPONDENT.)

Nagasaki, February 11th.  
The British gunboat *Pancho*, from your port, left for Fusan, in Korea, on the 7th instant, where something seems to be the matter. The gunboat *Chokai Kan* has been there from North Korea for some time, about the fishery question pending between that country and Dai Nippon; a powerful squadron has been ordered to southern shores, and the British cruiser *Landor* is also ordered from the north, ostensibly to dock here, although there are splendid dry docks in British waters at Hongkong. That there is a demonstration in these movements is generally understood here, except by those whose interest it may be to keep their eyes shut, or whose powers of observation and intelligence are too blunt to perceive what ordinary mortals may take in at once.

I understand much mortification is felt here in the case of local journalists, because I stated the other day it had taken a certain shop here over a week to make a high pressure piston for a coasting steamer, which in Shanghai could have been done in about three days (I really think in less time), and some other petty fault-finding has been thrown at me, suggested by ill-will, or jealous propensities, occasioned by some facts reported by your paper, the daily *Shanghai Mercury*, which are once a week recorded by your local sheet, while they also are recapitulated from your daily paper in the weekly edition of the same, the *Chinese Empire*, and sometimes appear quicker than in our local paper. But how could it be otherwise? Sometimes we have two or more steamers to your port in one day, which are almost as fast as mail boats. I am glad to learn that the N.Y.K. Company are inaugurating cheap round trips in their next steamer from Shanghai to here and Kobe, during Chinese New Year; it is a wise action on their part, and their best interest is served thereby; I hope to see many familiar Shanghai faces during those holidays. Japan contains about as many inhabitants as France (about 40,000,000), and much news of interest for outsiders may be gathered here, because we are in so frequent connection not only with our neighboring provinces and ports of Japan, but also with Korea. I hear from our nearest port, Fusan, that the trade is looking up; there are full grain and other cargoes; and much fish manure is also exported, mostly consisting of a kind of dried sardines.

I regret to hear that the Foreign engineers from the smaller N.Y.K. mail boats are being discharged now, their places being taken by natives of the country. I understand the *Gunkai Maru* is one of the victims, and I could name some others. It seems the alternative put to the N.Y.K. was to run the steamers affected with a government subsidy and native engineers, or with foreign engineers and without a government subsidy. I leave it to you, to imagine what choice has been made; the wedge has been got in this further fact. There seems to be a very bitter feeling in the Japanese quarters for the present against foreigners, for some reason or other; perhaps some of the late law-suits, so damaging to Japanese self-conceit, may have something to do with it.

## KOREA.

("MERCURY" CORRESPONDENT.)

Seoul, January 31st, 1893.  
It goes without saying that our capital has a decidedly wintry look, and still it is steeped regularly, daily, in a dense cloud, as if enveloped by a huge configuration, owing to the tremendous fires built in the "Kangs," as our Native household fire-pots are called, which at the same time are used as cooking stoves, and on top of which the people are fond of sleeping at night. The intense cold has certainly had our good

effect—it has effect very kept down the otherwise terrible stench from our pestilential open drains. The weather is healthy, as far as I can ascertain. The monotony of every day life was pleasantly interrupted a few days ago at one of our Foreign Consulates, owing to the celebration of the anniversary of the birthday, on the 27th inst., of the monarch whom the Consul in question, Mr. F. Klen, represents here; his Emperor, William II. of Germany, being 34 years of age on that day. The Foreign representatives and high Korean functionaries called in full state on the Consul at 11 a.m. to offer their congratulations, and most of them assembled again at 1 p.m. to assist at a sumptuousiffin, to which ample justice was done. Later on a very enjoyable evening party came off the representatives of the Foreign Great Powers being present, including also the Japanese Minister, Mr. Oishi; but the Chinese Minister Resident was represented by Mr. S. Y. Tong, Secretary of Legation and Consul. Of native officials the President of the Foreign Office and the Prefect of Seoul were noticed, Colonel Nienstedt, and others.

The illumination with different coloured lanterns, supplemented with evergreens, etc., was grand, and the Imperial coat of arms was brought out splendidly. Of the two Foreign Advisers of the Government it is rumored that one of them will have to go soon; I don't think that many tears will be shed for him—for all the good advice he may have tendered; otherwise the topic of conversation here is still the recent loans which the Koreans have received from the Chinese, through the firm of Tung Shun-tai & Co. I wrote you a few months ago that they had negotiated two loans of 100,000 each; rumor has it now that they had effected a third loan of 100,000, but this assertion I have not been able to verify yet. It is generally supposed that the recent visit of the Consul and Secretary of Legation, Mr. S. Y. Tong, to Tientsin, had something to do with these successful transactions. But the mystery is—what is currently of all this money, considering that it is currently reported that even some of the Government officials had not received their salaries regularly for the last twelve months. Another curious rumor is that the 100,000 had disappeared mysteriously in the act, and the way of delivery to one of the palaces. In the Queen's palace, it is stated that much money has been used during her late birthday festivities, and the presence of Prince Min Yong-ik in Hongkong is also supposed to cost a great deal of money; besides, it is stated that the intention of building new palaces for members of the Royal Family is one of the loans in connection with the new loans. It is stated that the income of the Chemulpo Customs has been pledged as security for the loans, and that only six per cent. is charged as interest for the sums lent, a very unusual thing in China, where the much higher rate of interest currently prevails. It is generally supposed that the Chinese have granted these loans on low interest with unmitigatedly sinister objects, and it should be remembered that the Korean Government is still owing Tia. 200,000 to the China Merchants Company, which was money required to be paid to Japan as damages, or indemnity, on account of the riots here in 1882 and 1884. The object of China seems to be to keep Korea indebted to herself as a convenient claw on the country. The more this unfortunate Government is dripping with money, the deeper it becomes indebted to China, the better the latter will like it, because her hold on the country will be increased all the more. The building of palaces is certainly greatly in favour with some classes of residents here, but it is decidedly not favouring, or promoting the interests of the country.

Dr. H. N. Allen, U. S. Secretary of Legation and Deputy Consul General, with his amiable wife and family, left for America, in charge of the Korean exhibits for Chicago. He was formerly Secretary of the Korean Legation at Washington. The learned doctor is a clever writer on Korean matters, and founded a flourishing hospital and medical school here for Natives. To make up for this departure from our circle of Foreign residents, we received an addition by the birth of a son to our Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mr. Morgan, about a fortnight ago. The Allen family left our seaport, Chemulpo, on the 25th inst., by the steamer *Gunkai Maru*, the same steamer which brought the new Japanese Minister, Mr. Oishi, to these shores.

I hear the Prime Minister presented a memorial to the King on the terribly debased coinage, but this high mandarin was told to "mind his own business," and the treasury continued to go to wreck and ruin; the department is said to be in the hands of a powerful clique, the head of which is supposed to be the energetic Queen, her creature being of "the same ilk."

It is much regretted here that our local periodical, the *Korean Repository*, will appear no more after December; the enterprise was a very laudable one, but it is difficult for an independent newspaper to live in this limited community. An interesting matter had to be kept out of its columns, I have reason to believe, so as not to offend any narrow-minded Dick, Tom, or official Arry. However, its information that the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation had anything to do with the fathering of the late Korean loans was incorrect. I am rather firmly convinced, and in fact, am told, that Tong's late visit to Tientsin had much to do with the financing of those loans, and that Sheep Hallen, Customs Tied in Tientsin, Director of the China Merchants Company, owner of the steamship *Kwangshik*, etc., could fully enlighten you on the subject, if he should choose to do so.

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A REGULAR MEETING of the EOTHEN MARK LODGE of MARK MASTER MASONS will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, for some reason or other, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.  
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1893. [254]

S.T. JOHN LODGE

OF HONGKONG, No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, TO-MORROW, the 24th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.  
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1893. [253]

## Masonic.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1165, E.C.

A N EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on TUESDAY, the 28th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.  
Hongkong, 21st February, 1893. [254]

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st March, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.  
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1893. [263]

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Hongkong, 25th October, 1892. [225]

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Amoy, 1st September, 1892. [28]

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1892. [257]

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Hongkong, 3rd January, 1893. [63]

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